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SUBJECT: SWEDISH PARLIAMENTARIANS TO OBSERVE GREEK VOTE

1. IN RESPONSE TO APPEAL FROM CENTER UNION LEADER GIORGOS MAVROS, THE FIVE POLITICAL PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT HAVE DECIDED TO SEND A DELEGATION TO GREECE TO OBSERVE THE JULY 29 REFERENDUM. A BODY CALLED "THE SWEDISH COMMITTEE FOR GREEK DEMOCRACY" HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ORGANIZING THE DELEGATION, BUT SINCE SWEDEN IS MORE OR LESS CLOSED FOR VACATION DURING JULY IT HAS TAKEN THE POLITICAL PARTIES SOME TIME TO NAME THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, AND WE WILL NOT KNOW FINAL COMPOSITION UNTIL JULY 27. HOWEVER, IT IS REPORTED THAT MRS. NANCY ERIKSSON WILL REPRESENT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (GOVERNING PARTY), PER AHLMARK AND MRS. KERSTIN ANER THE LIBERAL PARTY, AND BERTIL MABRINK THE COMMUNISTS. ANDERS WIJKMAN IS MENTIONED AS A LIKELY MODERATE CANDIDATE. ALL ARE MEMBERS OF THE RIKSDAG. SO FAR, NO NAME HAS BEEN MENTIONED BY THE CENTER PARTY.

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2. LAWYER HANS GORAN FRANK, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, CLAIMS THAT DISPATCHING SUCH A DELEGATION WOULD BE USEFUL, SINCE IT WOULD BE ONE WAY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE REFERENDUM AND AT THE SAME TIME TO DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY WITH DEMOCRATIC GROUPS IN GREECE. IN HIS APPEAL, NAVROS HAD OUTLINED A MORE AMBITIOUS PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO SWEDISH MEDIA, TO STUDY HOW GREEK MASS MEDIA FUNCTION, HOW THE GOVERNMENT PROPAGANDA APPARATUS GRINDS ALONG 24 HOURS A DAY AND HOW THE OPPOSITION HAS BEEN CUT OFF FROM ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH THE GREEK PEOPLE WITH ITS MESSAGE.

3. COMMENT: FRANK IS A NOTORIOUS ORGANIZER AND LEADER OF LEFTIST PROPAGANDA OPERATIONS, SUCH AS VIETNAM "WAR CRIMES TRIALS" HERE. PURPOSE OF THIS COMMITTEE IS OBVIOUSLY TO ASSIST EFFORTS TO DISCREDIT JULY 29 REFERENDUM IN INTERNATIONAL OPINION. MEMBERS OF NON-SOCIALIST SWEDISH POLITICAL PARTIES GO ALONG WITH FRANK'S PLOY BECAUSE, IN THIS PRE-ELECTION SEASON, IT IS BAD POLITICS IN SWEDEN EVEN TO APPEAR INDIFFERENT TO THE GREEK JUNTA, A FAVORITE SWEDISH WHIPPING BOY.
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